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The Honorable Ban Ki Moon
Secretary General
United Nations
First Avenue at 46th Street
New York, New York 10015

Dear Secretary General:

I write to bring your attention to reports that reveal that the State of Qatar has been supplying weapons to Libyan rebels and ask that you take immediate steps to ensure full compliance with the arms embargo currently in effect in Libya.

According to *The Guardian*, Qatar is supplying "anti-tank weapons to Libyan rebels in Benghazi as part of its strategy of working to overthrow the Gaddafi regime, officials in Doha have confirmed." This is a clear violation of United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1970, adopted on February 26, 2011, which established an international arms embargo and requires all member states to take "necessary measures" to prevent the "supply, sale or transfer" of arms and related materiel into Libya.

You recently made strong statements urging full compliance with an international arms embargo in Cote D'Ivoire following revelations that attack helicopters were provided to forces loyal to former president Laurent Gbagbo, recognizing that supplying such aid would be "very dangerous in our own effort to resolve this issue peacefully." Failure to take action to ensure compliance with UNSCR 1970 in Libya could pose the same danger, potentially prolonging a civil war and likely resulting in further civilian deaths. It also significantly undermines the legitimacy of the U.N. and the international humanitarian effort it has authorized in Libya.

I urge you to take immediate and appropriate action to ensure that Qatar and all U.N. member states are in full compliance with UNSCR 1970.

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Kucinich
Member of Congress